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any anti-religious aspects?

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iArtisan ▼ 3 years ago #1

I'm thinking about picking the game up.

Celiria_Rose ▼ 3 years ago #2

The character of Comstock is built on the idea of being a religious person who goes to far in the name of his ideals.

So yes

DetectivPenguin ▼ 3 years ago #3

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<http://i.imgur.com/fyPeQ.jpg>

That's Pennington, a train passenger. He SAYS he's a detective, but I don't know.. THANK YOU mariolover2 for the sig!

darkelfkiller ▾ 3 years ago

#4

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"This is it. This is your story. It all begins here."

LoL IGN: Dr Steinman, Steam ID- Drsteinman, XBL GT: Dr.Steinman, 8/3/2010, best day ever.

SunDevil77 ▾ 3 years ago

#5

Why does it matter?

I hate listening to dreams. It's like flipping through a stack of pictures. If I'm not in any of them, and nobody's having sex, I just...don't care

TheSpectre ▾ 3 years ago

#6

I saw one LP vid where Comstock was compared to "Super Jesus" which i think is funny and accurate. If you're some bible thumper, you'll probably see some of the content as blasphemous.

<http://picard.ytmnd.com/>

SweetPandaLove ▾ 3 years ago

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BullyofSmeg ▾ 3 years ago

#8

Who cares!

Xbox Live™ Gamertag = Bully of Smeg

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casedawgz ▾ 3 years ago

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It makes everyone's skin crawl. I'm an atheist. I have friends and family who are religious. They're cool people. Columbia is just a messed up, terrible place, and the religion is just the surface dressing of an ugly, festering city.

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[Exit, pursued by a bear.]

GT: LafayetteV

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Wrong, thats a skill, you dont learn to faith.

People who arent religious are just as capable (sometimes more so) of understanding and discussing religion.

People of no faith usually do far more research into it than someone who just "knows it to be true in their heart". Simply stating i know more than you because i believe is one of thr best arguments for getting rid of organized religion (no, im not talking about faith or a persons right to believe)

nolen2131 ▾ 3 years ago

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jrr18 ▾ 3 years ago

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Victory over fans of all JRPGs through superior fire power!
PSN jrr101

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warrkation2578 ▾ 3 years ago

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Hooray for sanity!!!! Thank you sir

SolKarellen ▾ 3 years ago

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To be fair, you also kill your share of Japanese deities in SMT games, too.

Religion is an institution created by humans; it can display both the best and the worst in humans as it reflect our race's mercurial nature. This game, along with the others, shows how people can twist neutral, if benevolence ideals and concepts into truly terrible things.

- 1: Taking Rand's ideals to an extreme, creating a hellish dystopia.
 2. Taking socialism/Communism to an extreme, creating a hellish dystopia. (Attempting to)
- Infinite: Taking religious fervor, nationalism, and American exceptionalism to an extreme, creating a hellish dystopia.

Infinite shows some of the worst sides of America that have existed in the past, and you should be aware of the good, and bad parts of our history.

"There'd come a time when life'd pull us apart. S'not a reason to avoid people."

[HaloDad020508](#) ▾ 3 years ago

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I am right there with you. Im religous and thats how I see it and yay for sanity indeed as one poster said lol. Afterall it is just a game i know where i stand.

Playing Borderlands 2, Tomb Raider, Gears Judgment
Anticipating Bioshock Infinite

[ElectricEbola](#) ▾ 3 years ago

#23

Just finished it. While I can see how people might view the game as anti-religious, I more got from the narrative that it was a tale of the evils that religion can bring if people--or even one person--chooses to interpret any religion in a certain way.

I just got a more or an anti-religious-extremism vibe than anything. For that matter, I noticed a theme of moderation throughout--the Populi started as wanting revolution, but their good intentions festered into blind hatred and rage; Columbia took religion and ran full speed into ruination.

Very much a "He who fights monsters should beware, lest he become one himself" kind of game, I think.

[DarkECOJak](#) ▾ 3 years ago

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Xbox 360/PS3/Wii U ID: Disasterrific

[Soldier_0_Cross](#) ▾ 3 years ago

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From: SweetPandaLove | #007

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Thats a damn intelligent post.

Go beyond the impossible and kick reason to the curb!

sonic_rockz ▾ 3 years ago

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Paper is OP, scissors is fine. - Rock

TheKokopelli ▾ 3 years ago

#27

I wouldn't say it's anti-religious as it is anti-cult.

Comstock basically has an entire city of people worshipping him as a Messiah like figure, each of them willing to fervently take their violent zeal to new levels.

GT: kokopelli77

Parad0x_Zer0 ▾ 3 years ago

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This, all day, every day. Religion is a personal choice. Everyone is entitled to believe in some form of religion, or just not believe in it at all, if they so choose. S'all good.

"People will think of Frankenstein and they will say 'I can't believe it's not butter.' "

DarkOctavius ▾ 3 years ago

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Though he seems to project a notion that societies without faith fail in the long run because a lack of morality.

Geaux Tigers

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caramel_cod ▾ 3 years ago

#30

I'm not religious either, but I thought Infinite was very fair. If anything, I think the game does a good job of emphasizing how the core values of religion are quite beautiful, and it's man who turns them into something ugly.

Love, community, redemption are all concepts the game looks at fondly, but the characters (both good and evil) acknowledge that mankind is incapable of executing on these concepts flawlessly.

By the time you reach the end of the game, it's about people. Anything vestiges of religious commentary are, by that point, positive in a roundabout way.

Nordini ▾ 3 years ago

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I would argue that i have no faith yet i am in an excellent position to talk about faith. I have tried desperately to find a faith that i think makes enough rational or logical sense for me to believe in it, truly. I have studied Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism all very thoroughly (the last one more for fun, as it is extremely hard to take the actual religion of it seriously. Even the Hindus i know view it more as a way of life than an actual faith).

I am probably more well versed in these religions and their "holy texts" than most people who claim to be of these faiths. I have also actually attended churches and temples for these religions so i have actually witnessed the worship in person.

I have simply come to my own conclusion that none of these faiths present enough rational sense for me to believe in them. I think this leaves me with a very unbiased and good position to talk about faith.

Sent from my iPad via **PowerFAQs 1.9**

SythisTaru ▾ 3 years ago

#32

I think it's more anti-man/anti-humanity.

Max58201 ▾ 3 years ago

#33

lies this place is a paradise where you find cotton candy and hotdogs everywhere from desk drawers to banks to high security buildings to the headless officers corpse... i sure hope that's ketchup

Official **Occult Iaito** of the Dark Souls board.

I just wanted to raise his affection, NOT have him lick my nipples

PPPPLAASSUMA ▾ 3 years ago

#34

There aren't any decent anti religious themes in this beyond the very much overused "Cult leader is full of s****" routine. Which, unless you are truly internally conflicted, or just an ass, should not bother you.

If the game bothers you, come back to it in about 20 more years of life experience. You'll realize the "anti religious aspects" are just kid gloves compared to reality.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GtxCr5ju2EE&feature=related> - If you played Mystical Ninja 64, you need to click this.

zidane7007 ▾ 3 years ago

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Its like him saying doctors dont have a right to treat disease, unless they have had it themselves. And he has the delusion to call othe peoples comments assinine.

RyoKaiba ▾ 3 years ago

#38

The main antagonist is a Christian who took his ideals to the radical level. I mean, he has statues of the founding fathers that are idolized in worship. He is religious yes, but it's basically to portray him as an extreme patriot. To the point where it's disturbing.

"Hate the sin, love the sinner. But sometimes it's hard to look past all that sin and find the person behind it." -Joshua Graham; Fallout: NV

UtterMoon ▾ 3 years ago

#39

The game doesn't set out to attack religion, it simply brings up the idea of never questioning something, and how damaging that mindset can really be to society. In many cases religion is inherited, and people are indoctrinated at youth..if your parents are Catholic chances are you will become a Catholic before ever hearing about Islamic, Hindu, or the Jewish faiths..religion or lack of is never really a choice until it may be too late.

Its about the concept of questioning what so many people believe on faith alone, the bible wasn't written by god, or Jesus..it was written hundreds of years after the events occurred, it was written by man, and upheld by the most powerful of men..and in many cases used as a weapon or a shield.

Many non believers don't simply dismiss religion..or faith, many non believers know more about religion than the people who blindly follow, because more than likely those non believers did ask questions..they did see the ironies, faults and patterns in many religions.

Faith is a good thing, its the opiate of the masses..and its asinine to think people haven't taken advantage of that..that leaders haven't hidden their own agendas behind a religious veil.

ferval100 ▾ 3 years ago

#40

The religious-ness at the beginning nearly made me vomit.

We are the imagination of ourselves. - Bill Hicks.

<http://youtu.be/u3X5f3gY4iw> - THE MAN!

nolen2131 ▾ 3 years ago

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I know, just using it to illustrate the point without typing a novel. Even though that was a very religious undertaking, it's now viewed more as dumb extremists of their time. If you wan my honest opinion, I think why some people get so offended is because it is not that far off from reality. Religion (not just Christianity, in fact less so than others) has a long history of being twisted and causing real harm. Granted, a flying city is out of the question, but a group of people committing atrocities because a "prophet" has asked them to in their opinions; shoot that happens all the time. Still, this game doesn't highlight that point near as much as actual human history.

hi_polymer ▾ 3 years ago

#42

this is some god-tier trolling by the TC.

<http://i.imgur.com/ESiwy.gif> <http://i.imgur.com/xX8an.gif>

<http://i.imgur.com/pEmxP.gif> <http://i.imgur.com/Y5pLmOe.gif>

Slipboy444 ▾ 3 years ago

#43

I'm a Christian by worldly definition, and personally bioshock is my favorite game series. I haven't played this game yet. And I plan to eventually.

But putting a christian perspective on games, play them for the story, and if by playing the story it becomes a stumbling block for you then don't play it simple as that, just because it affects you doesn't mean it effects everyone else. Not in the slightest.

But that's just me

my channel: <http://www.youtube.com/user/HastetheDavid444>

Battle-Record: 32-91 Pokemon White FC:4813 6257 4740 Psychic Gym Leader of the Elite Divided

(message deleted)

#44

StuckInMyPants ▾ 3 years ago

#45

What's interesting about this topic is, you have two different prominent types of thoughts exuded by people in this topic. One is a breakdown of how this game could be interpreted by a person of religion or faith. The argument is that it shows an extreme of a belief or an idea, which is not what is normally representative of said idea or belief, but it's an idea that is taken too far, morally, in one direction.

The second is such a basic argument and thought, that basically boils down to, "I don't believe in religion or faith, so if you do or if you are offended by it, then lol at you."

DrunkenPeasant ▾ 3 years ago

#46

Depends what you mean by anti religious, from what I've seen all it does is show the dangers of religious beliefs taken too far, unless you're a fundamentalist nutjob or a cult leader then there is is no reason to be put off this game really.

"I used to rescue presidents, then I took an arrow in the knee...and still rescued the president." -Snake Plissken

Armandolove ▾ 3 years ago

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tmac2517 ▾ 3 years ago

#49

I wouldn't say its anti-religious. They aren't even practicing real Christianity as they worship the Founding Fathers and a Prophet. You don't hear a ton about Jesus or really at all, I'm about half way through the game so I guess it could take a turn but I don't imagine that happening. It's nothing crazy, I'm a church going person, and I'm not remotely offended.

GT: TanneRain
GowNation.net

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Bigotry is never acceptable. Remember the golden rule.

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